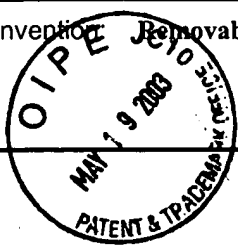


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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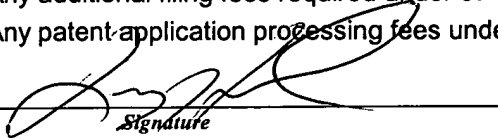
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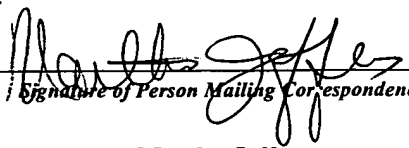
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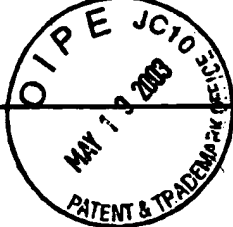
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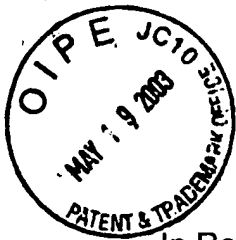
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 29 October 2002, please amend this
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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8 and 15-21 without prejudice to Applicant.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

Please add new Claims 26-29.

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Clean Version of Claims:

1. **(Amended)** A receptacle assembly supported on a surface or near surface
offshore oilfield production structure for receiving therein and permanently supporting an
elongate member extending downward to one of the seabed or another structure, the
elongate member having a supported surface affixed thereto, the receptacle assembly
comprising:

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